

Strand Historic District,
Bolton Estate Building (J.F. Smith and Brothers Building)
2321-2323 Strand
Galveston
Galveston County
Texas

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE TEXAS	COUNTY GALVESTON	TOWN OR VICINITY GALVESTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) BOLTON ESTATE BUILDING		HABS NO. TX-3296 N
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE J.F. Smith and Brothers Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2321-2323 Strand		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870, 1877		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Nicholas J. Clayton, architect
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Bolton Building housed one of Galveston's oldest commercial firms, J.F. Smith and Brothers. First built by Colonel Bolton in 1870 after the "Moro Castle Fire" in December 1869, the structure housed A.W. and E.P. Clegg Hardware Company until (See continuation sheet)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stuccoed load-bearing brick walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is three stories in height with a six-bay front.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The building contains four-over-four light windows typical of the Victorian period. It contains window labels that connect at the label stop. The two center windows in the six-bay facade are paired. The ground floor facade contains two sets of double doors which are centered and are flanked by recessed bays (See continuation sheet)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The large decorative single-story iron arcade on the ground floor was removed sometime ago.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) File with the Galveston Historical Foundation, Galveston, Texas. Eisenhour, Virginia <u>The Strand of Galveston</u> , Galveston: 1974, P. 15. (See continuation sheet)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Kent R. Newell, Historian, Historic American Buildings Survey		DATE 9/23/80

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December 1876 when a contained fire destroyed Clegg's business. Using the extant walls, the building was rebuilt from funds from Colonel Bolton's estate. Finished in 1877, the building was rented to Leon H. Blum Wholesale Dry Goods for a short period of time.

The building was leased to J.F. and E.A. Smith Brothers shortly after an argument between Blum and Gresham and Lewis, agents for the Bolton estate, terminated Blum's lease. J.F. and E.A. Smith Brothers occupied the structure until the early 1960s.

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containing three one-over-one windows. The large stuccoed brick cornice is broken by a raised portion in the form of a segmental arch.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: (continuation from page 1)

"Destructive Conflagration", Galveston Daily News, December 3, 1869. All Buildings on block 623 destroyed.

"Insurance Square", Galveston Daily News, November 6, 1870. New buildings on Strand, include Col. Bolton's three story structure.

"Sunday's Fire", Galveston Daily News, December 5, 1876. Bolton Building on Strand housing A.W. and E.P. Clegg Hardware burned.

"Preparing to Rebuild", Galveston Daily News, January 18, 1877. Notes the quantity of brick being placed on Bolton Building site.

"Local Paragraphs", Galveston Daily News, June 13, 1877. Dispute between Gresham and Lewis, both agents of Bolton estate in rental of the building site formerly occupied by Clegg Hardware.

"Resumed", Galveston Daily News, June 23, 1877. Leon Blum temporarily located in new Bolton Building.

"City Improvements", Galveston Daily News, September 1, 1877. Clayton and Lynch, architects, designed the brick stores for Bolton estate for \$7,000.

"Local Paragraphs", Galveston Daily News, December 19, 1876. Management of Bolton estate to rebuild burned building.